

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Tsuyoshi NAMIKI, et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

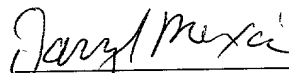
**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 26, Please delete the fourth full paragraph and replace with the following new paragraph:  
Figs. 4(A) and 4(B) are views showing structures of an ECC block in the data of the embodiment;

**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## APPENDIX

### VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Page 26, fourth full paragraph;

Fig. 4 is a view showing a structure Figs. 4(A) and 4(B) are views showing structures  
of an ECC block in the data of the embodiment;